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the SARS- CoV. Environmental samples

from the Huanan sea food market also

tested positive, signifying that the virus

originated from there [7]. The number

of cases started increasing

exponentially, some of which did not

have exposure to the live animal

market, suggestive of the fact that

human-to-human transmission was

occurring [8]. The first fatal case was

reported on 11th Jan 2020. The massive

migration of Chinese during the

Chinese New Year fuelled the epidemic.

Cases in other provinces of China,

other countries (Thailand, Japan and

South Korea in quick succession) were

reported in people who were returning

from Wuhan. Transmission to

healthcare workers caring for patients

was described on 20th Jan, 2020. By

23rd January, the 11 million population

of Wuhan was placed under lock down

with restrictions of entry and exit from

the region. Soon this lock down was